

happy

Dear PLCTA Families and Friends:

It is wonderful to be at the brink of Spring. To celebrate, we will combine our Youth and Middle School Group for an Egg Hunt and party at Riverfront. Make sure you check out the information and rsvp.

Thanks to all our T-shirt sponsors. Enclosed is information about the Annual Walk. We will begin the day at Nay Aug and end it celebrating with Minooka Lion's Autism Foundation at St. Joseph Center. This is going to be an amazing day of celebration and awareness so plan to JOIN US for both events on April 26th.

PLCTA would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to Tony Grande and family on the loss of Tony's mother and also to Doug Duguay and family on the loss of Doug's father Bob. May their light continue to shine in the hearts that loved them so.

Wishing everyone a Happy Spring!

Your President Kathleen M. Walsh

st. patrick's
day



PLCTA Easter Egg Hunt



Riverfront Sport Complex
5 W Olive Street
Scranton Pa
on

March 22, 2014 at 2 pm..

We will get 1 hour for the field
and 45 min for the pizza room.

Please RSVP by March 10th



RSVP to Mary Ellen
570-346-2955 or 570-341-3388

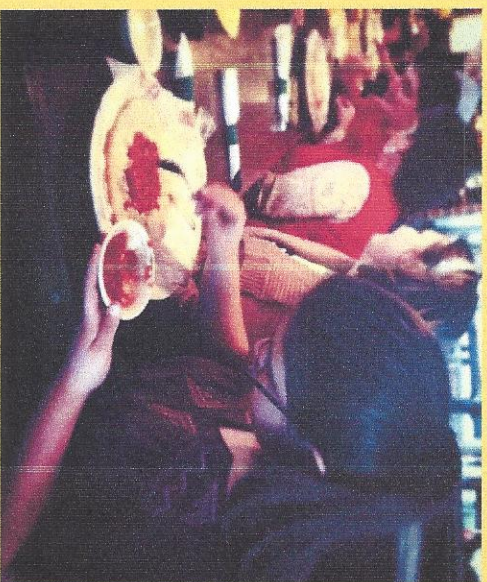


March

2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Board Meeting 7pm at the PLCTA HOS	8 Prayer Group at the Walsh Home
9	10	11	12 Walk Meeting 6pm at the PLCTA HOS	13	14	15 Bowling at 1pm for Older Group
16	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!	18	19	20	21	22 Easter Egg Hunt (see flyer) 2pm
23	24	25	26 Walk Meeting at the PLCTA HOS	27	28	29 Bowling at 1pm for Older Group
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Social Groups for March
 March 15th and 29
 Bowling at Idle Hours at 1:00pm for Older Social Group
 See Flyer for Youth and Middle Group!



The Youth and Middle Group had a great time making their own pizza!!

O U R T R I P !

Upcoming PLCTA Events

April 1st- Beginning of Autism Awareness Presentations in local school/businesses

Dress Down Day- For information call 341-3388

April 26- Autism Awareness Day

**PLCTA 5k Walk/Run at Nay Aug Park Run at 8:30am Walk at 11am
Minooka Lion's Autism Awareness Night at St. Joseph's 6:00pm**

May:

Raise Your Voice Talent Show

Annual Dinner at the Radisson on Thursday May 29th

June

Candlelight Vigil Detail coming soon

July

2nd Annual Golf Tournament

August Annual Family Fun Day

Signs of Hope

Our theme for 2014 is Signs of Hope. We are *hoping* to hold a very special project for Autism Awareness Month. We are asking each family to create a sign to bring to the walk this year. The sign will define your child's journey. You can be as creative as you would like. For example: You will pick something that marked a major accomplishment for your child. You can enlarge a photo of that accomplishment. You can embellish a word that defines a character trait such as Determination Courage Perseverance Optimism

We will be asking you to bring this sign to our Annual Walk and if you can be so kind to hand them in at the end of the walk I will also display them at our Annual Dinner. Make sure you take a picture of your child/family holding that sign and mail that to me so I can put into our slideshow.

Now that the holidays are over please also send me your child's new school photos in the mail.

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These special events will be here before we know it. Look for information about the Walk/Run arriving in your mailboxes by the end of January. I have chosen a wonderful book for local schools this year. Rain Brings Frogs. Do you believe that in every challenge we face there's a silver lining? We do!

Let's celebrate each milestone our beautiful children make as we stand in unity for better opportunities and acceptance.

The Desert Experience

On March 5th many Christian denominations will begin a solemn 40 day period of prayer, fasting, penance and alms-giving as they begin the holy season of Lent. The word Lent means the "fortieth" day before Easter. In the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke we read that after Jesus was baptized the Spirit led him out into *the desert for forty days, where he was tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels of heaven waited on him.* Where else but the desert could you have such a meaningful encounter of the Holy Spirit as well as Satan, of *the wild beasts as well as the holy angels? The desert was the school where Jesus* came to distinguish between the voice of God in which he followed and the voice of Satan which is temptation. How many voices do we hear from the time we get up in the morning till the time we go to sleep at night? The countless voices in the *daily paper, the soliciting voices on the radio and the television, the voices of those who live and work with us, and our own unceasing inner voice.* In the desert we leave most of those voices behind and we try to focus on distinguishing *between the guiding voice of God and the tempting voice of Satan. It is in the desert that we come to know ourselves, our strengths and weaknesses, and our divine calling.* Lent is the time for the desert experience, it is a place where we can escape and be in silence and recollection, a place where we can come to terms *with ourselves as we really are, a place where we are reconciled with the beasts* and the angles in our lives and then we begin to experience peace again. We cannot all afford to buy a camel and head off into the desert. However, we can all *create a desert space in our overcrowded lives. We can set aside a place and time* to be alone daily with God, a time to distance ourselves from the many noises and voices that bombard our lives every day, a time to hear God's word, a time to rediscover who we are before God, a time to say **YES** to God and **NO** to Satan as *Jesus did. Welcome to Lent! and Welcome to the desert!*